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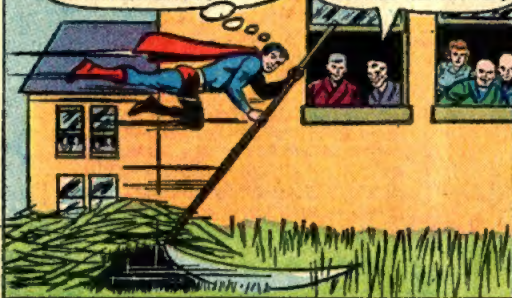
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IN SMALLVILLE, YOU WILL OFTEN FIND SUPERBOY DOING A GOOD DEED AROUND TOWN IN HIS USUAL SUPER-STYLE!

TO SAVE THE SMALLVILLE HOSPITAL SOME MONEY, I PROMISED TO CUT THEIR LAWN. AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S "ENTERTAINING" THE PATIENTS!

WOW! LOOK AT SUPERBOY USING THAT GIANT SCYTHE HE MADE!



AND WHERE SUPERBOY GOES, YOU CAN USUALLY FIND LANA LANG ON THE SCENE WITH HER CAMERA...

NOW SUPERBOY'S USING HIS SUPER-BREATH TO BLOW ALL THE GRASS CUTTINGS INTO A NEAT PILE! HE'S WONDERFUL!



HI, LANA! NO TIME FOR A CHAT! I HAVE OTHER JOBS TO DO! 'BYE!



HE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE MY NICE NEW DRESS I ESPECIALLY WORE FOR HIM! HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW MAD I AM ABOUT HIM... SIGH!

AT HOME LATER, THIS IS AMPLY PROVED BY LANA'S PIN-UP COLLECTION!

OH, HE'S SO POWERFUL... SO HANDSOME... SO CLEVER... AND SO INDIFFERENT TO ME! M-MY ROMANCE WITH SUPERBOY JUST HASN'T GOT A CHANCE!



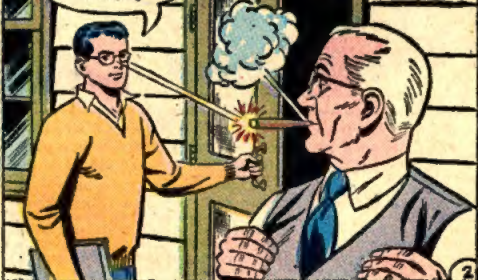
THERE'S CLARK KENT, MY NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR, READING A BOOK IN HIS BACK YARD! I'LL PULL DOWN THE BLIND! HE... ER... MIGHT LAUGH IF HE GLANCED OVER AND SAW WHAT A CRUSH I HAVE ON SUPERBOY!



CLARK KENT WOULD HARDLY LAUGH, FOR HE IS SECRETLY SUPERBOY!

OUT OF MATCHES, DAD? WHY WORRY? MY X-RAY VISION WILL LIGHT YOUR CIGAR!

THANKS! WHAT A SUPER-CONVENIENT SON YOU ARE!



LATER, AS LANA TRIES TO GET HER MIND OFF SUPERBOY AT AN AFTERNOON MOVIE...

BUT, JANET! WHY ARE YOU DATING TOM WHEN YOU REALLY LOVE NED?
SIMPLE... TO MAKE NED JEALOUS AND PAY MORE ATTENTION TO ME!
HMM...

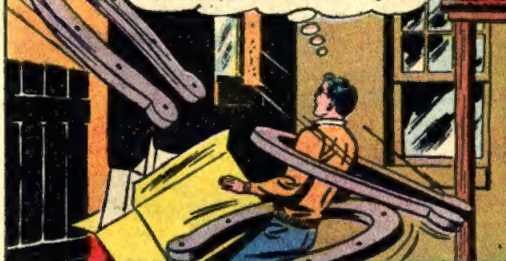


WHEN LANA LEAVES... THAT TRICK CAN WORK FOR EVERY GIRL IN THE WORLD... EXCEPT ME! HOW CAN I MAKE SUPERBOY JEALOUS WHEN NO OTHER BOY ON EARTH CAN COMPARE WITH HIM! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



BUT THIS SEEMS TO BE THE DAY THE IMPOSSIBLE CAN HAPPEN... FOR AS CLARK WORKS AT DAD KENT'S GENERAL STORE...

I'LL DUMP THESE EMPTY CARTONS IN THE ALLEY... HEY! WHERE ARE THOSE HUGE HORSESHOES COMING FROM? THEY'RE... UH... MAKING RINGERS AROUND ME!



SWIFTLY, CLARK SHEDS HIS OUTER CLOTHING TO TAKE OVER AS SUPERBOY...

WHO COULD POSSIBLY HURL SUCH HEAVY THINGS FROM MILES AWAY? THEY SEEMED TO COME FROM OUT OF TOWN! I'LL FLY THERE AND SOLVE THE MYSTERY!

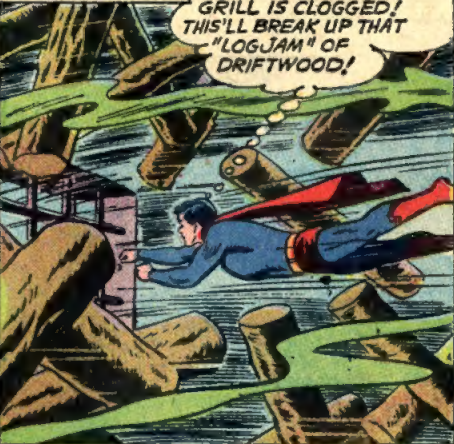


AS THE BOY OF STEEL FLIES AHEAD, HE SPOTS AN UNEXPECTED EMERGENCY...

GOSH, THE SMALLVILLE DAM IS OVERFLOWING! I'LL FIND OUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE OVERFLOW, OUTLET THAT'S SUPPOSED TO PREVENT THIS!



UNDERWATER... HMM... THE DRAINAGE GRILL IS CLOGGED! THIS'LL BREAK UP THAT "LOGJAM" OF DRIFTWOOD!



BY THE TIME SUPERBOY ZOOMS UP...

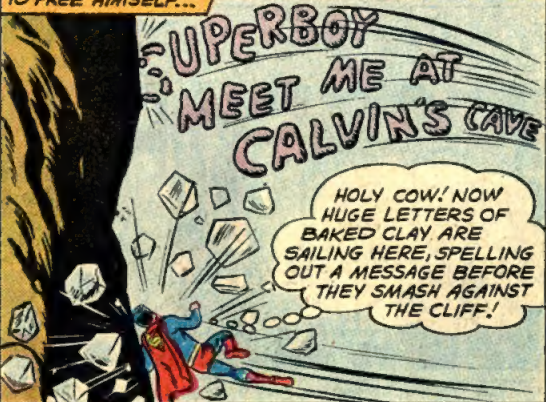
OMIGOSH! THE WATER SUDDENLY FROZE AROUND ME INTO A FLOCK OF SOLID ICE! I WONDER... WAS THIS TRICK DONE TO ME BY THE SAME UNKNOWN PERSON WHO FLUNG THOSE HORSESHOES?



AND EVEN AS SUPERBOY FLIES AGAINST A CLIFF TO FREE HIMSELF...

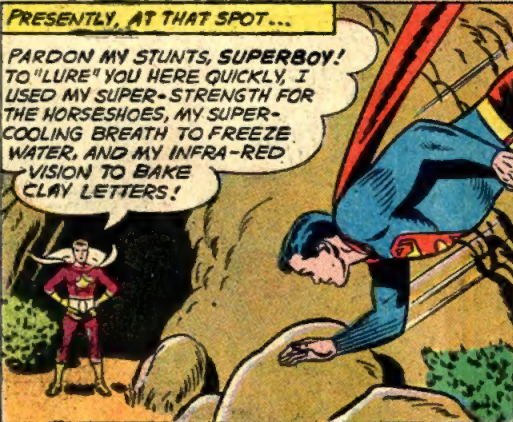
SUPERBOY MEET ME AT CALVIN'S CAVE

HOLY COW! NOW HUGE LETTERS OF BAKED CLAY ARE SAILING HERE, SPELLING OUT A MESSAGE BEFORE THEY SMASH AGAINST THE CLIFF!



PRESENTLY, AT THAT SPOT...

PARDON MY STUNTS, SUPERBOY! TO "LURE" YOU HERE QUICKLY, I USED MY SUPER-STRENGTH FOR THE HORSESHOES, MY SUPER-COOLING BREATH TO FREEZE WATER, AND MY INFRA-RED VISION TO BAKE CLAY LETTERS!

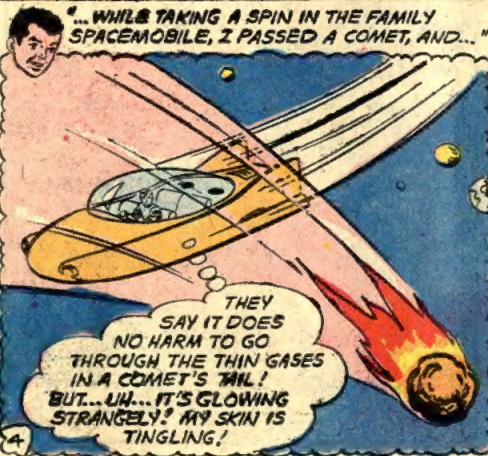


BUT WH-WHO ARE YOU? HOW CAN YOU HAVE SUPER-POWERS LIKE ME?

I'M THOM KALLOR FROM THE PLANET XANTHU, WHICH EXISTS IN THE FUTURE! I ARRIVED IN MY TIME-SHIP! WE ALSO HAVE SPACESHIPS ON MY WORLD AND ONE DAY...



"...WHILE TAKING A SPIN IN THE FAMILY SPACEMOBILE, I PASSED A COMET, AND..."

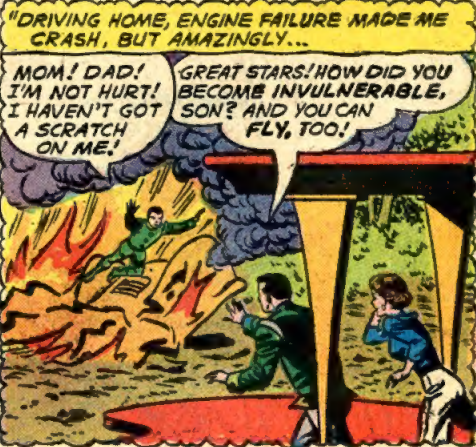


THEY SAY IT DOES NO HARM TO GO THROUGH THE THIN GASES IN A COMET'S TAIL! BUT...UH...IT'S GLOWING STRANGELY! MY SKIN IS TINGLING!

"DRIVING HOME, ENGINE FAILURE MADE ME CRASH, BUT AMAZINGLY..."

MOM! DAD! I'M NOT HURT! I HAVEN'T GOT A SCRATCH ON ME!

GREAT STARS! HOW DID YOU BECOME INVULNERABLE, SON? AND YOU CAN FLY, TOO!





"AFTER MY FATHER PUT ME THROUGH MANY TESTS, WE REALIZED THE STARTLING TRUTH!"

I EVEN HAVE INFRA-RED VISION WHOSE HEAT-WAVES CAN MELT METALS, DAD!

HMMM... THAT GLOWING COMET'S TAIL MUST HAVE CONTAINED PECULIAR RADIO-ACTIVE RAYS THAT FILLED YOU WITH SUPER-ENERGY FOR LIFE!



"MY PARENTS DECIDED TO MAKE GOOD USE OF MY WONDERFUL POWERS!"

WEARING THAT SPECIAL COSTUME, YOU WILL BATTLE INJUSTICE AND CRIME AS... STAR BOY! ONLY YOUR MOTHER AND I WILL KNOW THAT YOUR SECRET IDENTITY IS THOM KALLOR!



"LATER, VISITING YOUR 30TH CENTURY EARTH AND LEARNING YOUR LANGUAGE, I WAS ONE DAY CALLED TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF..."

WELCOME TO THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES! WE ARE ALL FROM VARIOUS WORLDS AND POSSESS SOME SUPER-POWERS LIKE YOU, STAR BOY! WE'VE FORMED A CLUB TO HELP EACH OTHER SOLVE SUPER-PROBLEMS!



AS STAR BOY'S THRILLING STORY ENDS...

THOSE SAME SUPER-KIDS VISITED SMALLVILLE ONCE AND MADE ME A MEMBER OF THEIR LEGION, TOO! BUT WHY HAVE YOU COME TO EARTH, STAR BOY?

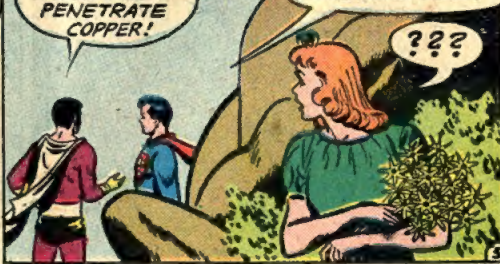


TWO XANTHU CRIMINALS ESCAPED JAIL, SUPERBOY! ONE FLED HERE IN A STOLEN TIME-SHIP! I PURSUED AND IMPRISONED HIM IN THIS CAVE!

STAR BOY CONTINUES, UNAWARE OF AN EAVESDROPPER...

THE OTHER CRIMINAL IS BACK ON XANTHU, HIDING IN AN UNDER-GROUND MAZE OF COPPER DRAIN PIPES! I NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND HIM BECAUSE ON MY WORLD MY X-RAY VISION CAN'T PENETRATE COPPER!

HMM... JUST LIKE MINE CAN'T PENETRATE LEAD!



BY SHEER CHANCE, LANA LANG HAS COME THIS WAY TO PICK FLOWERS!

GLAD TO HELP YOU, STAR BOY! I'LL TELL MY FOSTER-PARENTS I'M LEAVING!

WHEN YOU RETURN, REMEMBER NOT TO USE MY OTHER NAME IN FRONT OF THE CAPTURED CRIMINAL!

GOODNESS!



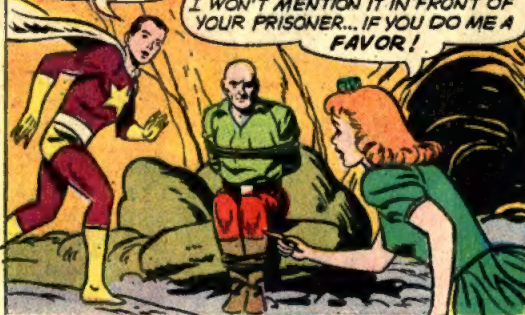
GOLLY! THAT "SUPERBOY" OF ANOTHER FUTURE WORLD HAS A SECRET IDENTITY! I DIDN'T COME SOON ENOUGH TO HEAR HIS OTHER NAME BUT... HMM... I CAN BLUFF!



AND WHEN STAR BOY ENTERS THE CAVE FOR HIS PRISONER...

A GIRL! WH-WHO ARE YOU?

I'M LANA LANG, STAR BOY! I OVERHEARD YOUR ENTIRE STORY AND KNOW YOUR SECRET IDENTITY! I WON'T MENTION IT IN FRONT OF YOUR PRISONER... IF YOU DO ME A FAVOR!



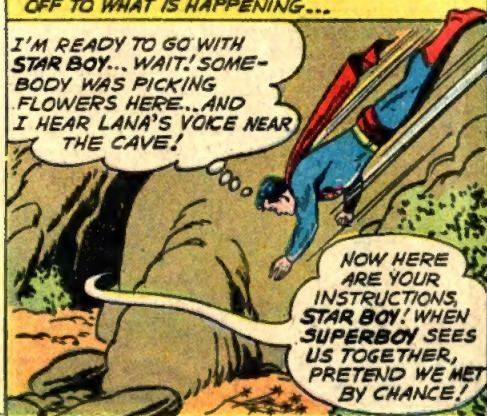
YOU SEE, I HAVE A CRUSH ON SUPERBOY! YOU'RE THE ONLY BOY I'VE MET WHO IS EQUAL TO HIM! SO IF YOU PRETEND TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, YOU CAN MAKE SUPERBOY JEALOUS!

OTHERWISE, Y-YOU'LL GIVE AWAY MY SECRET IDENTITY, EH? I-I'M TRAPPED!



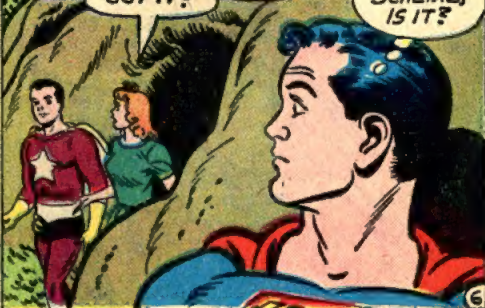
RETURNING MEANWHILE, SUPERBOY IS TIPPED OFF TO WHAT IS HAPPENING...

I'M READY TO GO WITH STAR BOY... WAIT! SOMEBODY WAS PICKING FLOWERS HERE... AND I HEAR LANA'S VOICE NEAR THE CAVE!



MAKE BELIEVE YOU FELL FOR ME AND INVITED ME TO VISIT YOUR WORLD! THEN, ON XANTHU, YOU'LL OBEY MY EVERY WHIM WITH YOUR SUPER-POWERS! YOUR DEVOTION TO ME WILL MAKE SUPERBOY JEALOUS! GOT IT?

HMM... SO THAT'S HER LITTLE SCHEME, IS IT?



NOW FIRST, FLY ME HOME AND CONVINCE MY PARENTS IT'S SAFE TO VISIT YOUR FUTURE WORLD! DO IT RIGHT... IF YOU WANT TO KEEP ME FROM REVEALING YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!

WITH THAT THREAT OVER HIM, STAR BOY HAS NO CHOICE! I'LL FOLLOW THEM!



PRESENTLY, AFTER LANA INTRODUCES STAR BOY TO HER STARTLED PARENTS...

GRACIOUS, LANA! A TRIP TO A STRANGE WORLD IN THE FUTURE MIGHT BE DANGEROUS!

NOT WITH STAR BOY AROUND, MOM! HE'LL PROVE HE'S AS MIGHTY AS SUPERBOY BY LIFTING YOUR CAR!



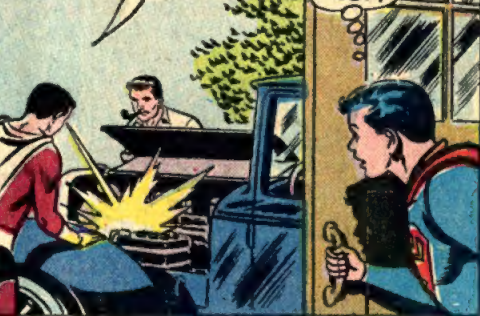
GREAT SCOTT! YOU HAVE SUPER-POWERS LIKE SUPERBOY! BUT I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU COULD MAKE MY CAR RUN! THE BATTERY IS DEAD!

THAT'S EASY, PROFESSOR LANG! I'LL RE-CHARGE IT WITH...



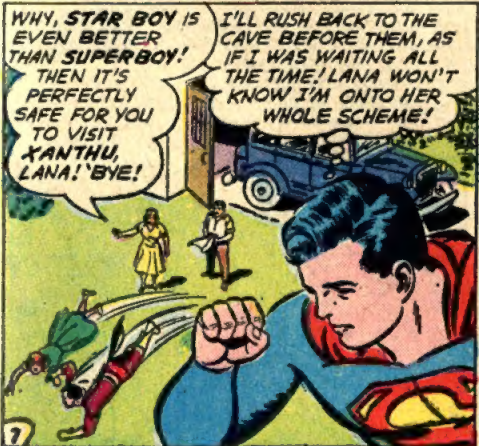
...MY ELECTRICAL VISION! A THOUSAND VOLTS WILL CHARGE THE BATTERY IN SECONDS!

WOW! STAR BOY HAS AN EXTRA SUPER-POWER EVEN I HAVEN'T GOT!



WHY, STAR BOY IS EVEN BETTER THAN SUPERBOY!

THEN IT'S PERFECTLY SAFE FOR YOU TO VISIT XANTHU, LANA! 'BYE!



I'LL RUSH BACK TO THE CAVE BEFORE THEM, AS IF I WAS WAITING ALL THE TIME! LANA WON'T KNOW I'M ONTO HER WHOLE SCHEME!

SOON, AT THE CAVE, AS STAR BOY IS FORGED TO PLAY LANA'S GAME...

JUST THINK, SUPERBOY! STAR BOY MET ME AND INSISTED I VISIT XANTHU WITH HIM! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, STAR BOY?

UN...YES! SHE'S SO... ER...CHARMING I COULDN'T RESIST!





SUPERBOY PLAYS HIS OWN GAME... BY ACTING INDIFFERENT...

WELL, I GUESS LANA WON'T BE IN THE WAY, **STAR BOY!** I'LL BRING OUT YOUR PRISONER!

SUPERBOY DOESN'T ACT THE LEAST BIT JEALOUS! BUT HE WILL WHEN STAR BOY KEEPS DANCING TO MY TUNE AS IF HE FELL FOR ME LIKE A TON OF BRICKS!



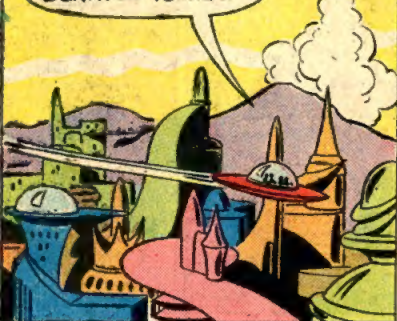
AFTER ALL FOUR ARE IN THE TIME-SHIP WITH STAR BOY AT THE CONTROLS...

HERE WE GO INTO THE FUTURE! WE'LL ARRIVE AT MY WORLD IN THE 30TH CENTURY!



DIZZY MOMENTS LATER, AFTER CROSSING THE TIME-AND-SPACE BARRIER...

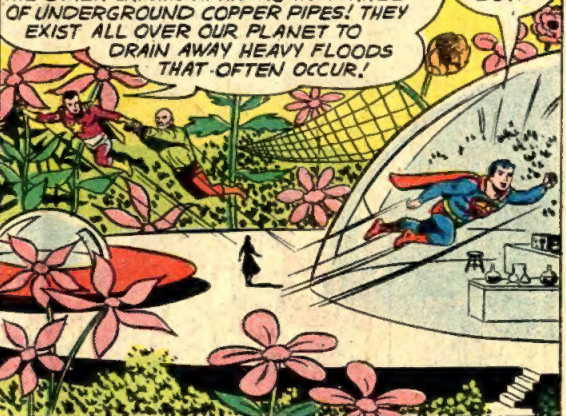
HERE'S **XANTHU!** IT'S A WORLD OF SUPER-SCIENCE, FAR AHEAD OF 20TH CENTURY EARTH! I'LL LAND AT MY **STAR BOY** LABORATORY, WHICH THE PEOPLE DONATED TO ME!



AFTER LANDING...

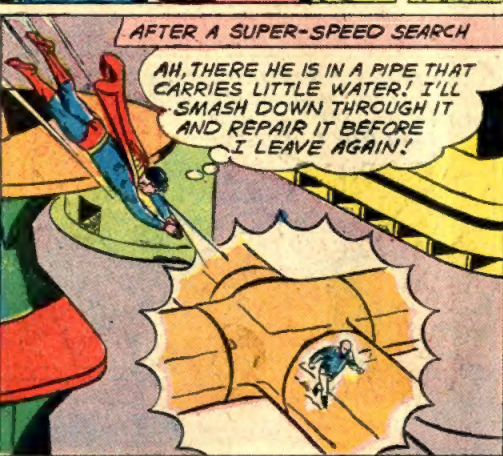
LANA CAN WAIT HERE WHILE I TAKE THE PRISONER TO JAIL! **SUPERBOY**, YOU SEARCH FOR THE OTHER CRIMINAL HIDING IN A MAZE OF UNDERGROUND COPPER PIPES! THEY EXIST ALL OVER OUR PLANET TO DRAIN AWAY HEAVY FLOODS THAT OFTEN OCCUR!

I'M ON MY WAY, **STAR BOY!**



AFTER A SUPER-SPEED SEARCH

AH, THERE HE IS IN A PIPE THAT CARRIES LITTLE WATER! I'LL SMASH DOWN THROUGH IT AND REPAIR IT BEFORE I LEAVE AGAIN!

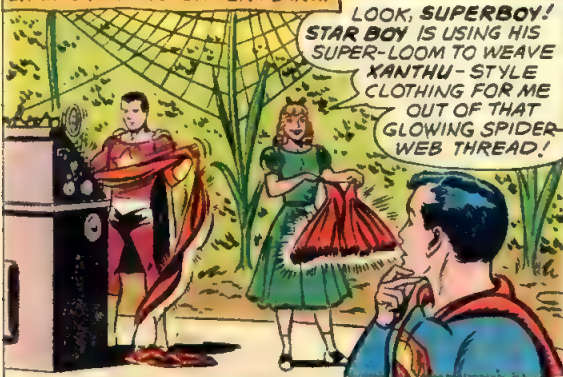


GREETINGS! I'M **SUPERBOY** FROM EARTH! MY X-RAY VISION EASILY PENETRATED COPPER TO FIND YOUR HIDING PLACE!

BLAST THE LUCK! YOU'RE INVULNERABLE TO MY ATOMIC GUN, TOO!



AFTER TURNING THE WANTED MAN OVER TO THE KANTHU POLICE, SUPERBOY REJOINS HIS COMPANIONS TO FIND LANA CARRYING ON HER PLAN...

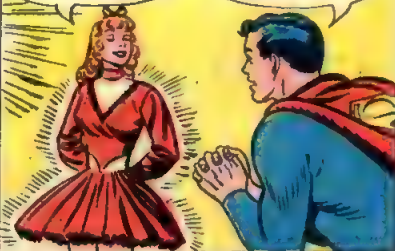


LOOK, SUPERBOY! STAR BOY IS USING HIS SUPER-LOOM TO WEAVE KANTHU-STYLE CLOTHING FOR ME OUT OF THAT GLOWING SPIDER-WEB THREAD!

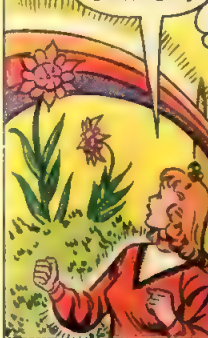
SOON, LANA CHANGES IN A DRESSING ROOM AND RETURNS...

STAR BOY THINKS A LOT OF ME TO GO TO THIS TROUBLE! DOESN'T IT LOOK GLAMOROUS, SUPERBOY?

YES, LANA! IT'S STUNNING... MAGNIFICENT! I GUESS THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT RAINBOW BRIDGE!

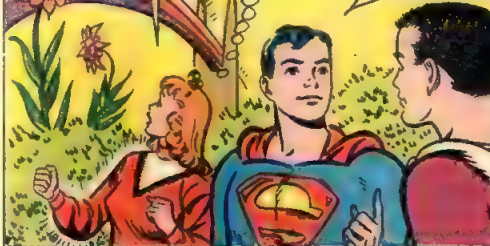


OH, DRAT! I MEANT MY DRESS, NOT THAT OLD BRIDGE!



SUPERBOY STILL ISN'T GIVING ME A TUMBLE, BUT I'LL MAKE HIM JEALOUS YET!

ARE YOU GOING TO SHOW ME THE OTHER SIGHTS AROUND TOWN, STAR BOY!



I'LL IMPRESS SUPERBOY BY SHOWING MY POWER OVER STAR BOY...

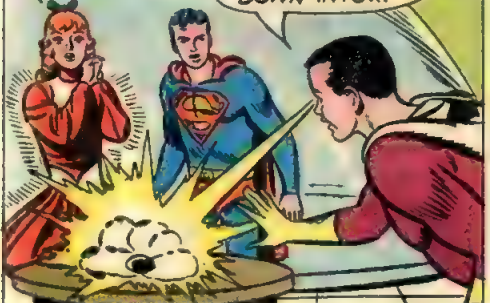
NEVER MIND WHAT SUPERBOY WANTS! I WANT SOME RARE JEWELS TO GO WITH THIS DRESS!

WHY... UH... ANYTHING YOUR HEART DESIRES, LANA! I'LL PILE UP THESE ROCKS AND MAKE YOU A SUPER-JEWEL!



WHY, THOSE 'ROCKS' ARE BIG DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH!

YES, THEY'RE COMMON ON XANTHU! NOBODY USES THEM FOR JEWELRY! BUT MY ELECTRICAL VISION WILL ALTER THEIR ATOMIC STRUCTURE AND CONDENSE THEM DOWN INTO...

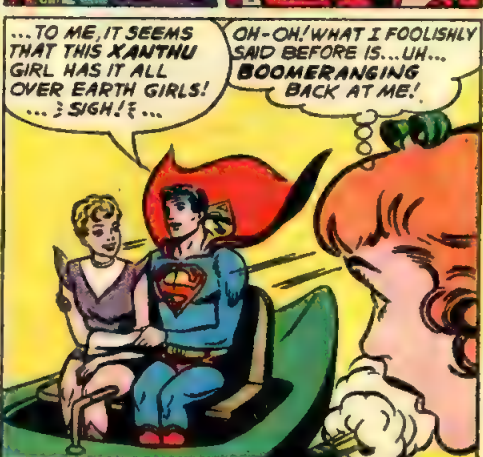
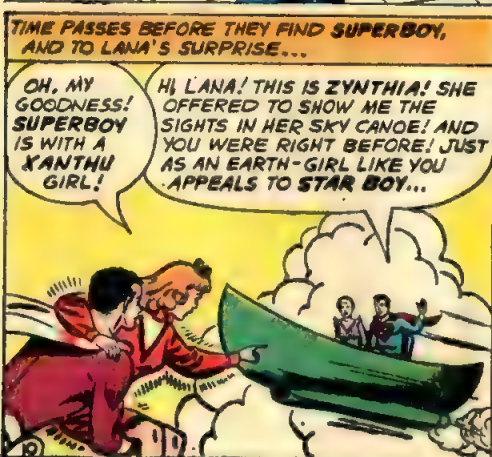
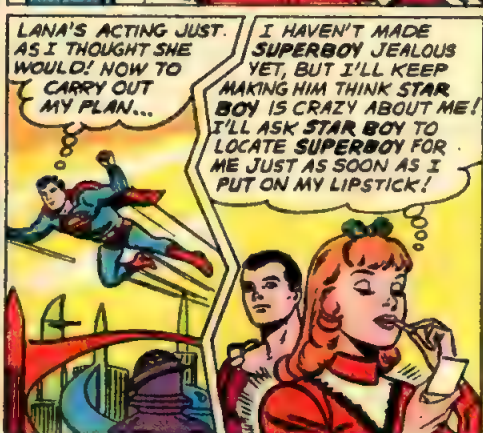
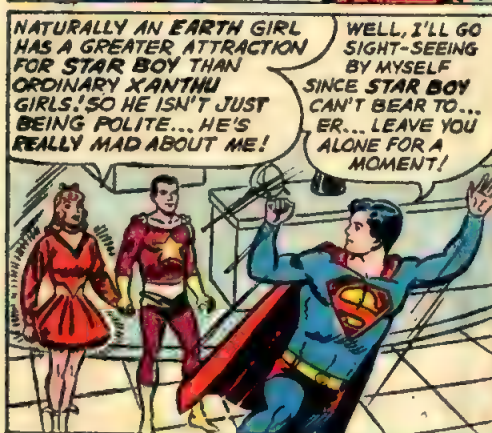
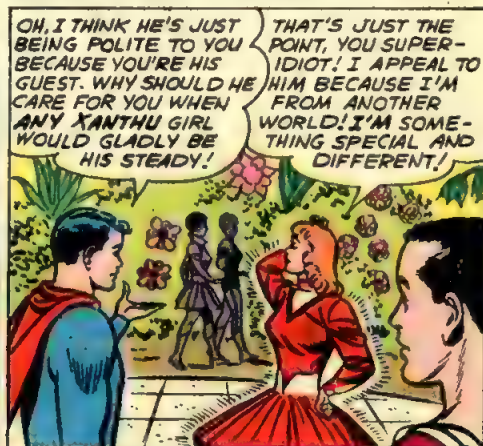
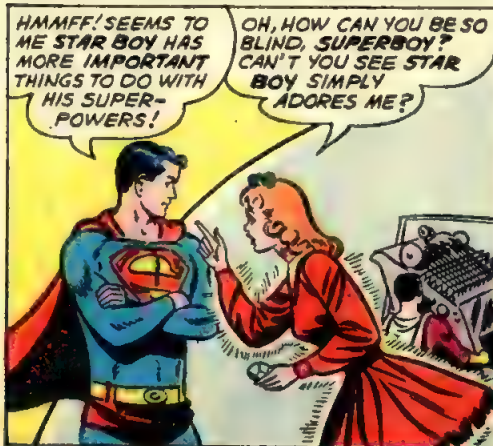


...ONE SUPER-JEWEL EQUAL IN VALUE TO A THOUSAND EARTHLY DIAMONDS!

TOO BAD YOU HAVEN'T GOT ELECTRICAL VISION, SUPERBOY! ISN'T IT WONDERFUL HOW STAR BOY IS USING HIS SUPER-POWERS TO GRANT MY WISHES?



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NEXT MOMENT...

SUPERBOY! BRING ME A RARE ANIMAL OF THE TIGER FAMILY CALLED THE PARAKAT! YOU'LL FIND ONE IN THE JUNGLE MOUNTAINS STRAIGHT SOUTH!

I'LL FLY THERE IMMEDIATELY, ZYNTHIA, DEAR!

OH, HOW DISGUSTING! SUPERBOY IS OBEYING HER EVERY WHIM!



YOU MEAN LIKE THE WAY STAR BOY OBEYS YOUR EVERY WHIM, LANA?

YES... I MEAN, NO... UH...

OH, DEAR! THIS IS ALL WORKING OUT WRONG! NOW SUPERBOY IS GETTING ME JEALOUS!

WHEN SUPERBOY REACHES HIS DESTINATION...

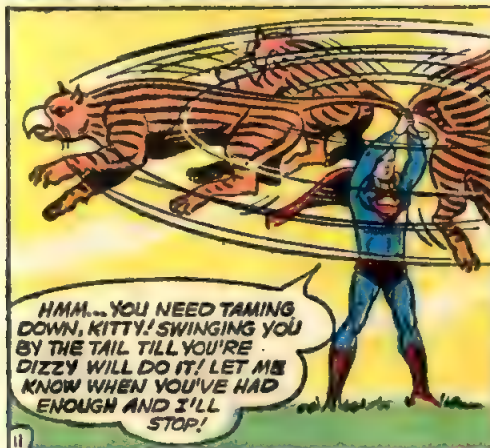
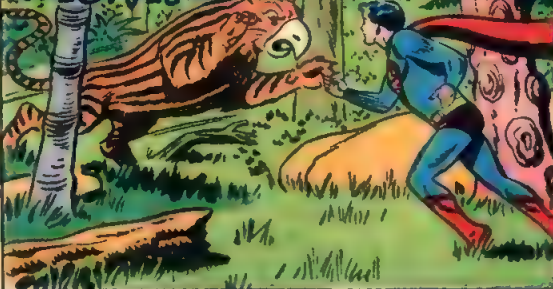
I SEE WHY THEY'RE CALLED THE JUNGLE MOUNTAINS! EACH PEAK IS CROWNED WITH A JUNGLE INSTEAD OF BEING SNOW-CAPPED, LIKE ON EARTH! NOW TO LOCATE THE PARAKAT!



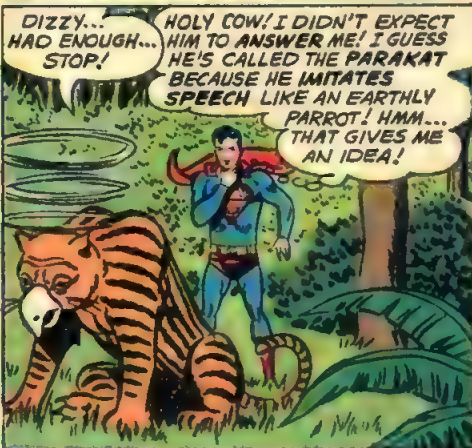
INSTEAD, THE FIERCE PARAKAT FINOS SUPERBOY!

WHAT AN ODD "TIGER"! HIS STRIPES RUN THE WRONG WAY AND HE HAS A BEAK LIKE A BIRD!

GROWRR!



HMM... YOU NEED TAMING DOWN, KITTY! SWINGING YOU BY THE TAIL TILL YOU'RE DIZZY WILL DO IT! LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH AND I'LL STOP!



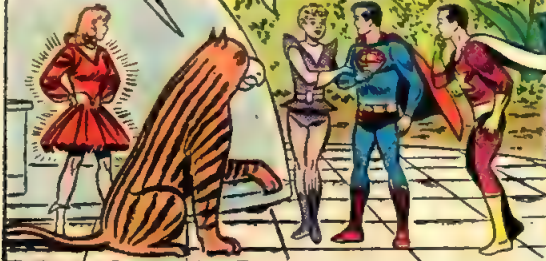
DIZZY... HAD ENOUGH... STOP!

HOLY COW! I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO ANSWER ME! I GUESS HE'S CALLED THE PARAKAT BECAUSE HE IMITATES SPEECH LIKE AN EARTHLY PARROT! HMM... THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

PRESENTLY, WHEN SUPERBOY RETURNS TO STAR BOY'S PLACE, WHERE ZYNTHIA WAITS...

YOU... ARE... BEAUTIFUL... ZYNTHIA!

OH, SUPERBOY! YOU TAUGHT HIM TO SAY THAT! HOW THRILLING TO HAVE A SUPER-BOYFRIEND LIKE YOU! PLEASE MAKE XANTHU YOUR HOME FROM NOW ON!



LET SUPERBOY GO... YOU HUSSY! HE CAN'T WASTE HIS PRECIOUS TIME ON YOU! HE HAS IMPORTANT JOBS TO DO ON EARTH!

BUT THEN, WHY ARE YOU KEEPING STAR BOY FROM DOING HIS IMPORTANT JOBS HERE, LANA?



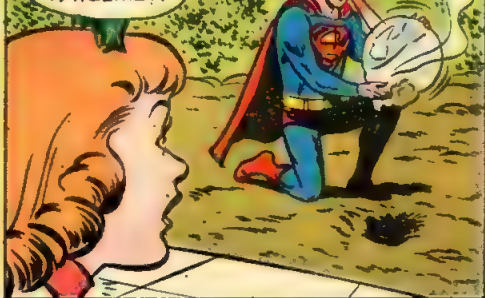
SEEING HER SCHEME FALLING APART, LANA THINKS FAST, AND...

SUPERBOY...GASP!...I FEEL FAINT! THE XANTHU AIR MUST BE BAD FOR ME! GET ME BACK TO EARTH QUICKLY!

AND TAKE YOU AWAY FROM YOUR DEVOTED STAR BOY? HE'D BE BROKEN-HEARTED, SO...

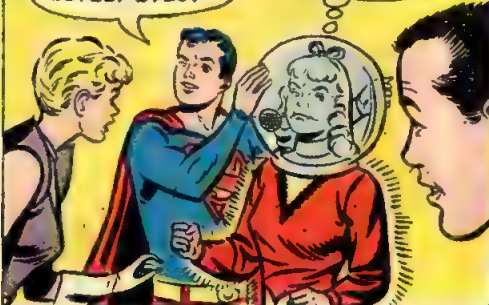


...THE HEAT OF MY INFRA-RED VISION WILL FUSE THE SILICON IN THIS SOIL INTO MOLTEN GLASS! THEN I'LL MOLD IT WITH MY HANDS INTO A HELMET!



I EQUIPPED IT WITH A FILTER TO PURIFY THE AIR YOU BREATHE IN, LANA! NOW, ZYNTHIA, WHAT WAS I GOING TO SAY ABOUT YOUR LOVELY EYES!

GLUB!...JEEPEERS! I...I'M LICKED! IT'S ALL A BIG MESS NOW! I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP MY SILLY SCHEME!

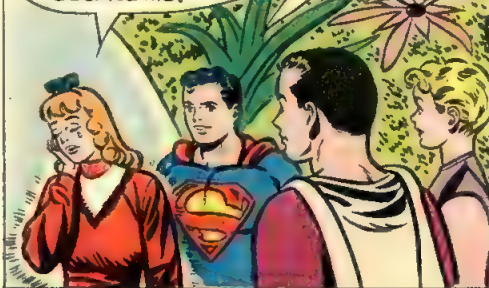


SUPERBOY, ...UH... STAR BOY DOESN'T MEAN A THING TO ME...OR ME TO HIM! I ONLY THREATENED TO EXPOSE HIS SECRET IDENTITY TO MAKE YOU JEALOUS! BUT NOW I'M... ER... THE ONE THAT'S JEALOUS... OVER ZYNTHIA!



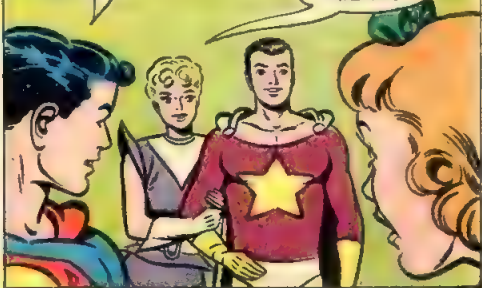
I MAY AS WELL CONFESS ALL! I EVEN TRICKED STAR BOY... I BLUFFED ABOUT KNOWING HIS OTHER IDENTITY! I... I GUESS YOU'LL BOTH DESPISE ME!

NO, LANA! I ADMIRE YOU FOR TELLING THE TRUTH! I'M SURE STAR BOY DOES TOO! AND AS FOR ZYNTHIA...



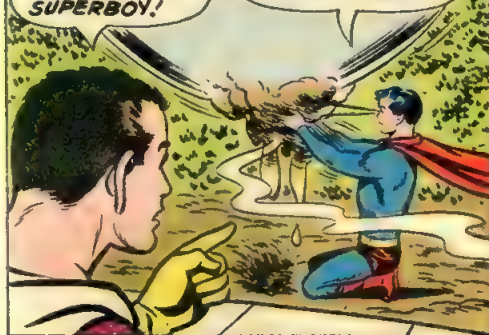
...I USED YOUR TRICK AND ASKED ZYNTHIA TO PRETEND WE WERE INTERESTED IN EACH OTHER!

I WAS GLAD TO HELP SUPERBOY CURE YOU OF YOUR "CRUSH" ON STARBOY! BECAUSE, YOU SEE, STAR BOY IS REALLY MY BOY-FRIEND!



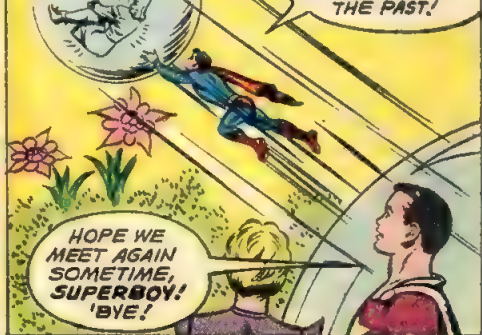
WELL, ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL! AND THANKS FOR HELPING ME CATCH THAT CRIMINAL, SUPERBOY!

I WON'T NEED YOUR TIME-SHIP, STAR BOY! I'LL FUSE MORE SAND AND MOLD A SUPER-HARD GLASS BUBBLE!



SHORTLY...

SEALED INSIDE, LANA WILL BE PROTECTED AS I SPEED FASTER THAN LIGHT AND CROSS THE TIME-BARRIER INTO THE PAST!

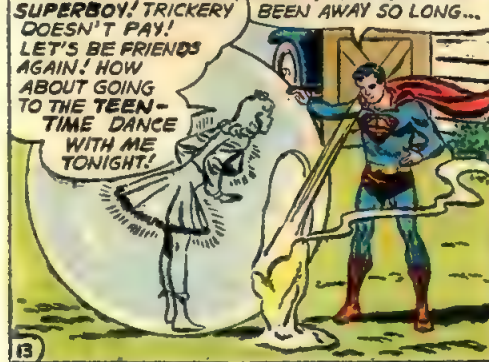


HOPE WE MEET AGAIN SOMETIME, SUPERBOY! 'BYE!

LATER, BACK IN SMALLVILLE, AS SUPERBOY MELTS AN OPENING FOR LANA TO EMERGE...

I LEARNED MY LESSON, SUPERBOY! TRICKERY DOESN'T PAY! LET'S BE FRIENDS AGAIN! HOW ABOUT GOING TO THE TEEN-TIME DANCE WITH ME TONIGHT!

GORRY, LANA! BUT I'VE BEEN AWAY SO LONG...



...I HAVE LOTS OF SUPER-JOBS TO CATCH UP WITH! SEE YOU NEXT WEEK... MAYBE!



OH, DEAR! I'M BACK WHERE I STARTED! WELL, EVEN IF SUPERBOY IS STILL NO CLOSER TO ME, THANK GOODNESS HE'S FARTHER FROM ZYNTHIA! WHO KNOWS--IN TIME HE MIGHT HAVE FALLEN FOR HER!

The End.

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Dear Editor: In the recent story, "The Sacrifice of Congorilla," you show CONGO BILL taking a sleeping pill in a factory, falling asleep, then awakening in the jungle. Did someone make a boo-boo?

Steven Reed, Little Rock, Ark.

(Nope. Evidently Congo Bill walked in his sleep.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the December issue of ADVENTURE COMICS you did something that may have disappointed many small children throughout the country. On Page 5 of the story, "SUPERBOY Visits the 50th Century," you state that Santa Claus is a myth. I think these children deserve an apology for this slip.

Joe Turner, Arlington, Texas.

(We have news for you. The youths who read this magazine are pretty hep and do not believe in Santa Claus any more than they do in Peter Pan. You've got our audience confused with fairy-tale fans.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I double-dare you to print this! In the story, "SUPERBOY Visits the 50th Century," you state that Lita Lang is Lana's great-granddaughter, many times removed. But when Lana got married she obviously had to change her maiden name to her husband's last name. Now let's see you get out of this goof without any wisecrack remarks!

Barbara Bevando, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(The explanation is simple. By a strange coincidence, Lita's mother happened to marry a man, not related to her, whose last name was Lang.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In your Dec. issue of ADVENTURE COMICS a boy named Richard Greene made a suggestion. He proposed that you feature two stories in each issue, instead of three, by making AQUAMAN and CONGORILLA longer and alternating them every other month. I would like to say I agree with him 100%.

Meir Celler, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(So many other readers have concurred with your view that we already have initiated this new schedule. The first long AQUAMAN story appears in this issue and next month's CONGORILLA novelette, "The Lion With the Double Identity," is one of the most original stories of that series we have ever presented.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the recent story, "SUPERBOY in the 50th Century," in discussing the white kryptonite meteor, SUPERBOY says: "Its rays are deadly to plants of all worlds and will turn them to dust in a few seconds!" However, in the last panel of Page 9 of the story, you show the white kryptonite a few feet away from a perfectly healthy-looking tropical plant. How do you explain those apples?

Eddie Dodd, Wellsville, Missouri.

(This was an artificial plant, with rubber leaves, of the type used to enhance the decor of theater lobbies, department stores, etc. We'll bet your Dad has one of them in the reception room of his office.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the story, "SUPERBOY Visits the 50th Century," there is one scene in which you show the remains of a baseball scoreboard taken from the Yankee Stadium. However, the scoreboard clearly shows the Yanks as being above the rival team. Inasmuch as the Yanks are always the home team when they play in New York, the Yanks should have been shown on the bottom line of the board. You made a big boo-boo. Can you explain this without any wisecracks?

Arnold Cohen, Kiamasha Lake, N. Y.

(We could say that this sign was the result of a BIZARRO baseball game, but we'll admit to having committed a first-class blooper and face the music. This error was also spotted by Judd Robbins of Bay Shore, New York.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Does SUPERBOY ever play football? I think you should publish a story wherein SUPERBOY joins a football team. I think it would make a big smash.

John Farruggio, Levittown, Pa.

(If SUPERBOY ever played football, he would be taking unfair advantage over his opponents. If you don't believe us, see the April issue of SUPERBOY COMICS in which the Boy of Steel demonstrates what would happen when he becomes "The One-Man Team."—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Just a brief note to let you know that I enjoy your letter page, especially the "wisecrack" answers. Keep 'em funny.

Ben Reid, Los Angeles, Calif.

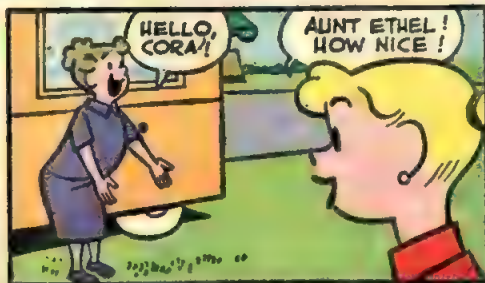
(Thanks, pal.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Will SUPERBOY ever encounter a meteor which is composed of green AND red kryptonite? If so, what would be the effect on him?

Gertrude Lyons, Patterson, N. J.

(SUPERBOY meets up with a form of red-green kryptonite when he grows up to be SUPERMAN and is exposed to its radiations by that infamous villain, BRAINLAC. You'll find such a story in the April issue of ACTION COMICS. As for its effect on the Man of Steel, we can't tell you now without revealing the big surprise of the story.—Ed.)

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2. "The **PERFECT HUSBAND!**"
3. "LOIS LANE, **TRAITOR!**"

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WILL TRAVEL ALONG
WITH *RIP* AND HIS
COMPANIONS IN THE
AMAZING *SPHERE*
THAT SMASHES THE
TIME BARRIER--AND
HURTLES THEM INTO
EXCITING UNKNOWN
EVENTS OF
YESTERYEAR!

FOLLOW THEM NOW
IN THIS 3-PART ACTION-
PACKED NOVEL AS THEY
BATTLE FANTASTIC MENACES
OF THE PAST TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE OF ...

**"The 1,000 YEAR-OLD
CURSE!"**

ON SALE
EVERYWHERE





AQUAMAN

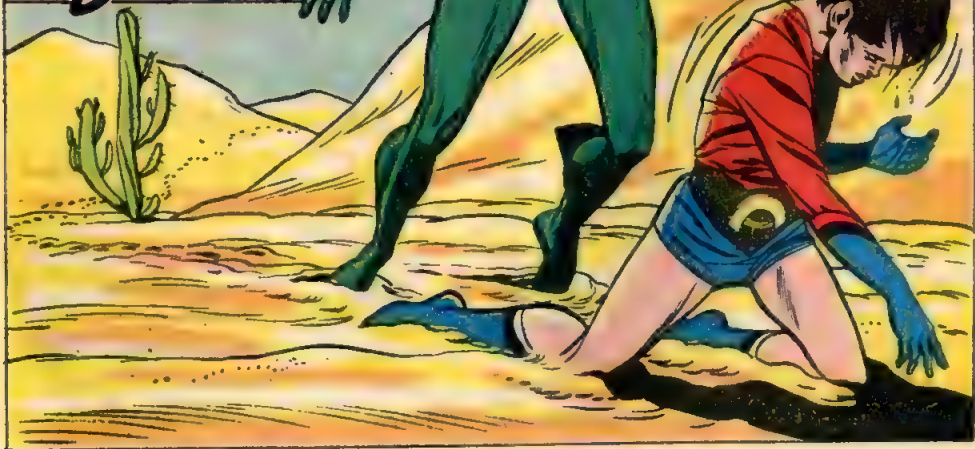
AND AQUALAD

SINCE THE DAWN OF HISTORY, EVERY HERO, HOWEVER POWERFUL, HAS HAD SOME WEAK SPOT! FOR THE MIGHTY **SAMSON**, IT WAS HIS **HAIR**! FOR THE GREEK WARRIOR, **ACHILLES**, IT WAS HIS **HEEL** THAT WAS VULNERABLE! FOR **SUPER-MAN**, IT'S **KRYPTONITE**! IN THE CASE OF **AQUAMAN**, RULER OF THE OCEAN, IT'S **WATER**... OR RATHER THE **LACK OF WATER**! FOR, IF THE KING OF THE SEA OR HIS YOUNG ASSISTANT, **AQUALAD**, ARE TRAPPED ASHORE FOR LONGER THAN **ONE HOUR** WITHOUT ANY CONTACT WITH THE LIFE-GIVING LIQUID, THEY WILL DIE! IMAGINE, THEN, THE PANIC **AQUAMAN** AND **AQUALAD** FEEL AS THEY REPEATEDLY FIND THEMSELVES TRAPPED WITH ONLY...

**ONE
HOUR TO
DOOM!**

LOOK AT 'EM! GASPING FOR BREATH... FLOPPING AROUND LIKE FISH OUT OF WATER! WE DON'T NEED BULLETS TO KILL **AQUAMAN** AND **AQUALAD**! ALL WE NEED IS TO KEEP WATER AWAY FROM THEM!

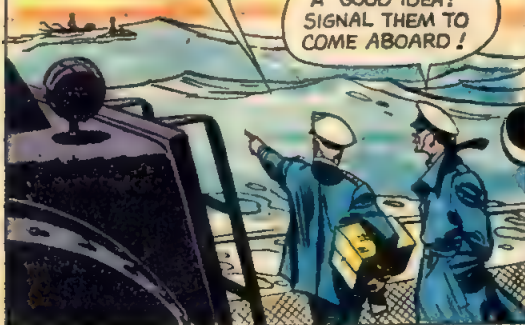
!GASP! WATER! I-I NEED WATER! MY BODY IS DRYING UP! I CAN'T BREATHE!



ONE MORNING, AS THE CREW OF A U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER SPIES TWO FIGURES...

LOOK, SIR! THERE GO **AQUAMAN** AND **AQUALAD** ON THEIR REGULAR PATROL! MAYBE THEY'LL DELIVER THE REST OF THE MAIL FOR YOU!

A GOOD IDEA!
SIGNAL THEM TO
COME ABOARD!



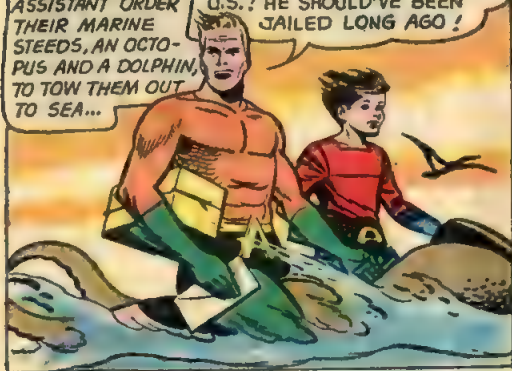
SOON... **AQUAMAN**, YOU'RE HEADING TOWARD WHERE THESE FEW PIECES OF MAIL MUST BE DROPPED OFF! COULD YOU DELIVER THEM FOR US? WE JUST RECEIVED A RADIO FLASH THAT THE NOTORIOUS SMUGGLER, JED ROWE, IS IN THE VICINITY AND WE MUST DROP EVERYTHING TO FIND HIM!

BE GLAD TO HELP, CAPTAIN!



SHORTLY, AS THE KING OF THE SEA AND HIS YOUNG ASSISTANT ORDER THEIR MARINE STEEDS, AN OCTOPUS AND A DOLPHIN, TO TOW THEM OUT TO SEA...

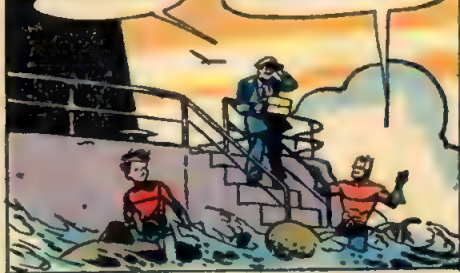
SO JED ROWE HAS SHIFTED HIS SMUGGLING OPERATIONS FROM SOUTH AMERICA TO THE U.S.! HE SHOULD'VE BEEN JAILED LONG AGO!



PRESENTLY, AT A LIGHTHOUSE...

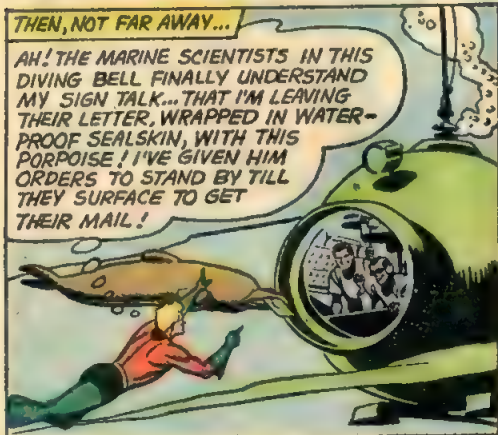
THANKS, **AQUAMAN**! THIS IS A HOBBY KIT I SENT AWAY FOR... TO KEEP ME BUSY IN MY SPARE TIME! BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO PLAY MAILMAN!

ON PATROL, I'M EVERYTHING! MAILMAN, POLICE-MAN, DOCTOR, FIREMAN... YOU NAME IT! I'LL DO ANYTHING TO HELP PEOPLE AT SEA!



THEN, NOT FAR AWAY...

AH! THE MARINE SCIENTISTS IN THIS DIVING BELL FINALLY UNDERSTAND MY SIGN TALK... THAT I'M LEAVING THEIR LETTER, WRAPPED IN WATER-PROOF SEALSKIN, WITH THIS PORPOISE! I'VE GIVEN HIM ORDERS TO STAND BY TILL THEY SURFACE TO GET THEIR MAIL!

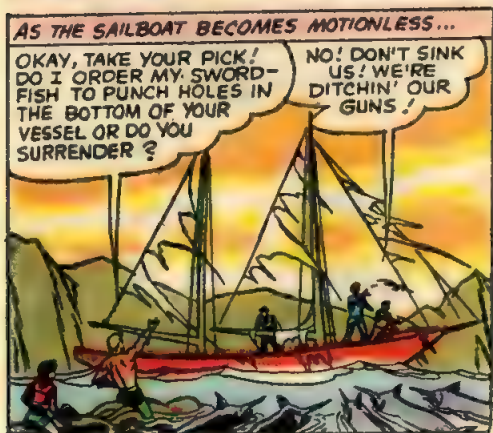
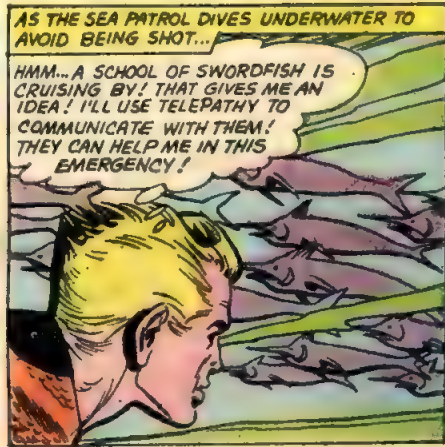
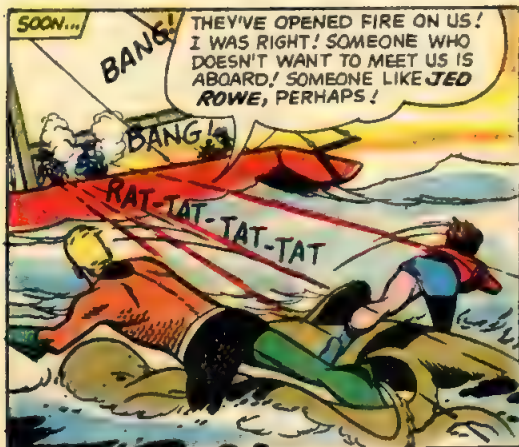


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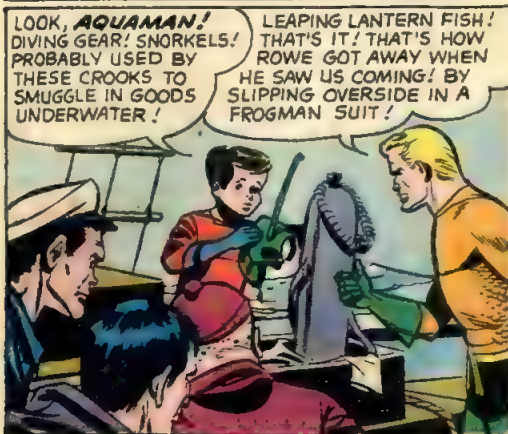
THAT'S FUNNY, **AQUAMAN**! AT THE SIGHT OF US, THAT SAILBOAT UNFURLED MORE SAIL AND SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN US! LET'S INVESTIGATE!

OKAY!
AHoy THERE! WE'D
LIKE TO COME
ABOARD!



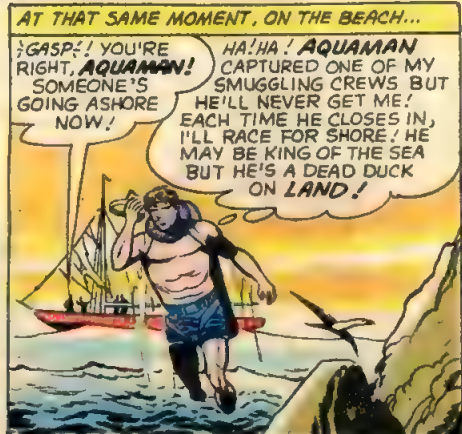


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LOOK, **AQUAMAN!**
DIVING GEAR! SNORKELS!
PROBABLY USED BY
THESE CROOKS TO
SMUGGLE IN GOODS
UNDERWATER!

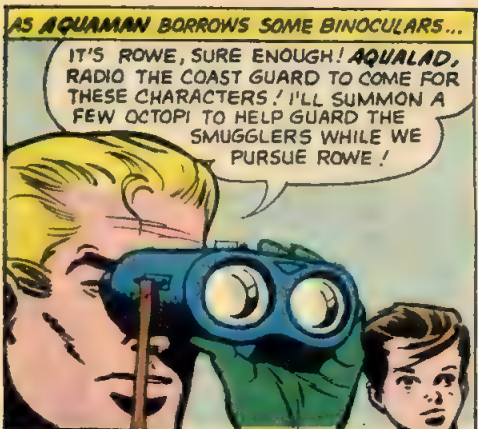
LEAPING LANTERN FISH!
THAT'S IT! THAT'S HOW
ROWE GOT AWAY WHEN
HE SAW US COMING! BY
SLIPPING OVERSIDE IN A
FROGMAN SUIT!



AT THAT SAME MOMENT, ON THE BEACH...

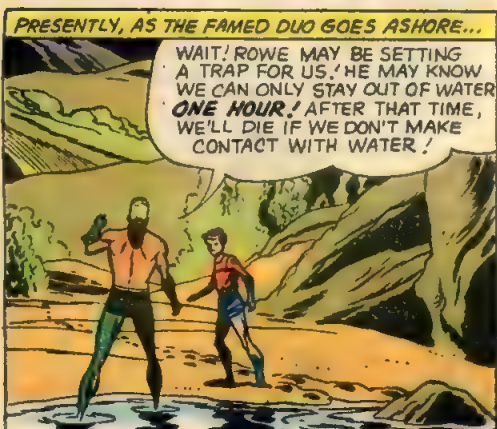
GASP! YOU'RE
RIGHT, **AQUAMAN!**
SOMEONE'S
GOING ASHORE
NOW!

HA! HA! **AQUAMAN**
CAPTURED ONE OF MY
SMUGGLING CREWS BUT
HE'LL NEVER GET ME!
EACH TIME HE CLOSES IN,
I'LL RACE FOR SHORE! HE
MAY BE KING OF THE SEA
BUT HE'S A DEAD DUCK
ON LAND!



AS **AQUAMAN** BORROWS SOME BINOCULARS...

IT'S ROWE, SURE ENOUGH! **AQUALAD**,
RADIO THE COAST GUARD TO COME FOR
THESE CHARACTERS! I'LL SUMMON A
FEW OCTOPI! TO HELP GUARD THE
SMUGGLERS WHILE WE
PURSUE ROWE!



PRESENTLY, AS THE FAMED DUO GOES ASHORE...

WAIT! ROWE MAY BE SETTING
A TRAP FOR US! HE MAY KNOW
WE CAN ONLY STAY OUT OF WATER
ONE HOUR! AFTER THAT TIME,
WE'LL DIE IF WE DON'T MAKE
CONTACT WITH WATER!



SHOULD WE
TAKE THE
CHANCE OF
FOLLOWING
HIM INTO
THESE COASTAL
MOUNTAINS?

WE MUST! WE MIGHT OVER-
TAKE HIM QUICKLY! IF NOT,
WE'LL HAVE TO USE OUR
INGENUITY TO FIND WATER
EVEN WHERE WATER IS
SCARCE! COME ON!



TEN MINUTES LATER...

THIS WILL BE AN
IMPORTANT EXPERIENCE
FOR YOU, **AQUALAD!** WHENEVER WE'RE ASHORE,
WE'RE ALMOST LIKE FISH OUT OF WATER! SO
LET'S SEE HOW GOOD YOU ARE
AT FINDING WATER IN UNLIKELY
PLACES!

RIGHT!



BUT AS THE HOUR PASSES...

“GASP! I-I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL WEAK! MY VISION IS BLURRING! I CAN'T SEE WHERE I'M GOING!”

I FEEL WEAK, TOO! IT'S THE EFFECTS OF DOING WITHOUT WATER FOR ALMOST AN HOUR! I GOOFED, **AQUALAD!** I-I THOUGHT THERE'D BE MOUNTAIN SPRINGS UP HERE...

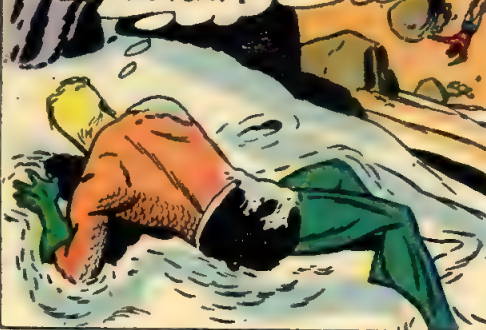


BUT WHAT'S THE GOOD? THERE'S THE SAME THING UP THERE AS...“GASP!” DOWN HERE! JUST BARREN ROCK...AND NO WATER!

I-I'M NOT SO SURE, **AQUALAD!** I ONLY HOPE I HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH TO REACH THE HEIGHTS! WISH ME LUCK!



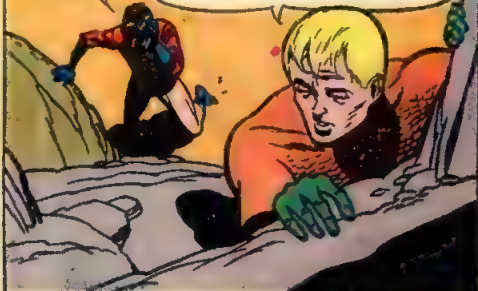
I'LL ROLL AROUND IN IT TO REPLENISH MY STRENGTH! THEN AS FAST AS I CAN, I'LL ROLL A SNOWBALL DOWN TO **AQUALAD!** HE'LL HAVE THE SNOW SOONER THAT WAY THAN IF I BROUGHT IT DOWN TO HIM! **SECONDS COUNT AT THIS POINT!**



...BUT THERE AREN'T ANY! AND ROWE HAS GIVEN US THE SLIP! THIS IS THE END, **AQUAMAN!** I...I CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER

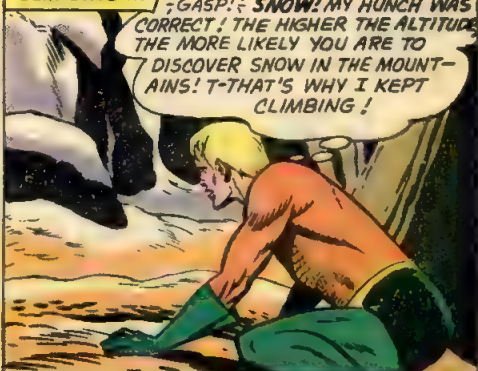
STEP! MY LEGS ARE NUMB!...

SO ARE MINE! BUT I CAN'T GIVE UP! I MUST FIND WATER SOMEWHERE!



THEN, AFTER FIVE MINUTES OF AGONIZED CLIMBING ...

“GASP!” **SNOW!** MY HUNCH WAS CORRECT! THE HIGHER THE ALTITUDE THE MORE LIKELY YOU ARE TO DISCOVER SNOW IN THE MOUNTAINS! T-THAT'S WHY I KEPT CLIMBING!



NEXT, AS AQUAMAN MAKES A HARD BALL OF SNOW...

AQUALAD! WE'RE SAVED! I FOUND SNOW! I'M ROLLING A BALL DOWN TO YOU! WASH YOUR FACE IN IT THE MOMENT IT REACHES YOU!

WATER...“GASP!” ...FROZEN WATER COMING MY WAY! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I JUST WHEN I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL OVER...



SHORTLY AFTER...

IT'S LUCKY THAT ALL WE NEED IS **CONTACT** WITH WATER TO REGAIN OUR STRENGTH! BOY... I FEEL AS GOOD AS EVER NOW!

AND YOU WERE READY TO GIVE UP AND DIE! I WARNED YOU, **AQUALAD!** ON LAND, YOU MUST CONSTANTLY USE YOUR BRAINS TO FIND WATER WHERE, SEEMINGLY, NONE EXISTS!



THEN, AS THE TWO RETURN TO THE SEA...

LOOK! THE COAST GUARD CUTTER ARRIVED! THEY'VE MADE PRISONERS OF THE SMUGGLERS!

YES! BUT THEIR RING-LEADER, ROWE, IS STILL AT LARGE! WE'LL HAVE TO PICK UP HIS TRAIL SOME OTHER TIME! MEANWHILE, WE'LL RESUME OUR PATROL!



IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, **AQUAMAN** PERFORMS HIS DUTIES! ONE STORMY AFTERNOON...

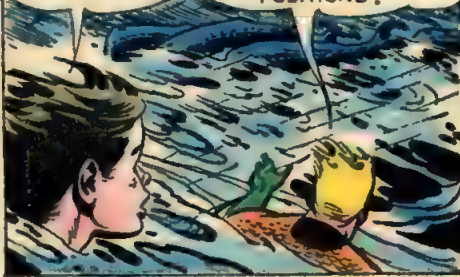
AQUAMAN! THAT AIRLINER! IT'S HAVING ENGINE TROUBLE! IT'S LOSING ALTITUDE!



I SEE IT! IT MUST MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING—BUT LAND IS 300 MILES AWAY!

IF ONLY WE COULD HELP THAT PLANE! MANY LIVES MAY BE LOST IF IT CRASHES INTO THE SEA!

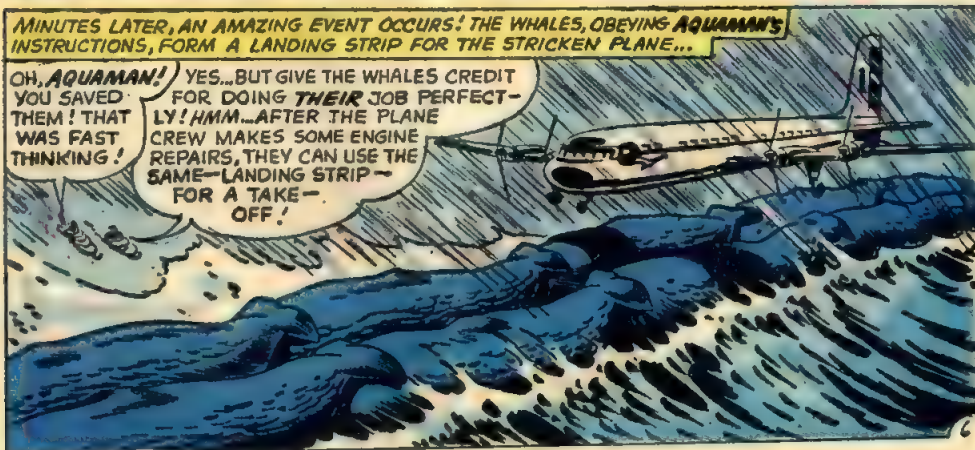
WAIT! THAT HERD OF WHALES IS NOT TOO FAR AWAY! MAYBE I CAN DO SOMETHING! I'LL COMMAND THEM TO TAKE CERTAIN POSITIONS!



MINUTES LATER, AN AMAZING EVENT OCCURS! THE WHALES, OBEYING **AQUAMAN'S** INSTRUCTIONS, FORM A LANDING STRIP FOR THE STRICKEN PLANE...

OH, **AQUAMAN!** YOU SAVED THEM! THAT WAS FAST THINKING!

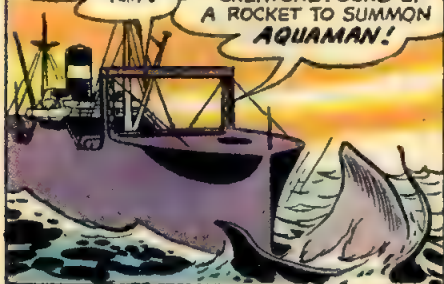
YES...BUT GIVE THE WHALES CREDIT FOR DOING **THEIR** JOB PERFECTLY! **HMM...**AFTER THE PLANE CREW MAKES SOME ENGINE REPAIRS, THEY CAN USE THE SAME—LANDING STRIP—FOR A TAKE-OFF!



BUT **AQUAMAN** NOT ONLY HELPS HUMAN BEINGS IN DISTRESS! HE IS ALSO AT THE SERVICE OF HIS SEA CREATURES! SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

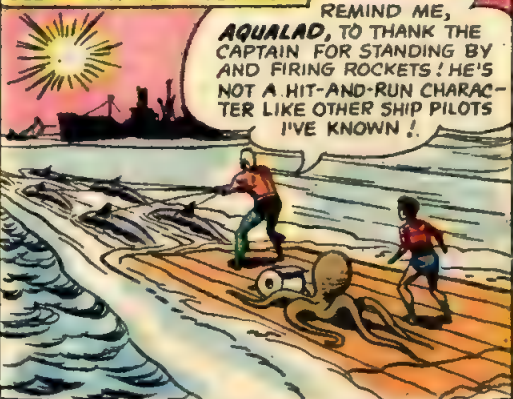
CAPTAIN! WE'VE HIT A HUGE MANTA RAY!

WE'LL DON'T JUST STAND THERE! WE MUST SAVE THE POOR CREATURE! SEND UP A ROCKET TO SUMMON **AQUAMAN**!



SOON, AS THE **KING OF THE SEA** RACES TO THE SCENE IN A SEA AMBULANCE...

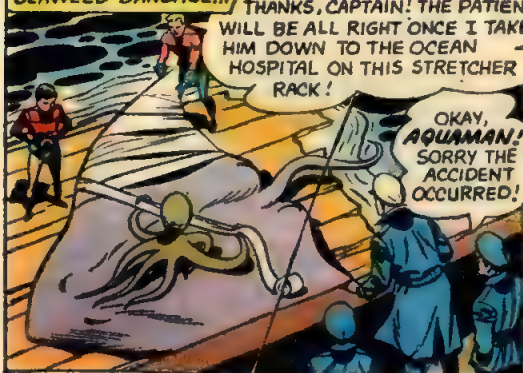
REMINDE ME, **AQUALAD**, TO THANK THE CAPTAIN FOR STANDING BY AND FIRING ROCKETS! HE'S NOT A HIT-AND-RUN CHARACTER LIKE OTHER SHIP PILOTS I'VE KNOWN!



THEN, AFTER THE MANTA RAY'S WOUND IS BOUND BY SEAWEED BANDAGE...

THANKS, CAPTAIN! THE PATIENT WILL BE ALL RIGHT ONCE I TAKE HIM DOWN TO THE OCEAN HOSPITAL ON THIS STRETCHER RACK!

OKAY, **AQUAMAN**! SORRY THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED!



NEXT, ON THE OCEAN BOTTOM...

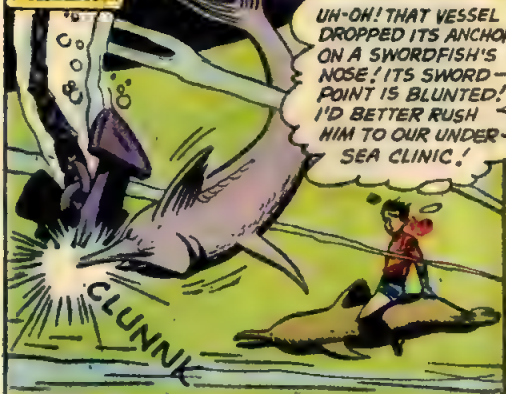
OUR FINGER-SQUID

INTERNES DID A GOOD JOB OF SETTING THE RAY'S BROKEN FIN! WITH A GOOD REST IT SHOULD MAKE A SPEEDY RECOVERY!



THE SAME DAY, **AQUALAD** WITNESSES ANOTHER ACCIDENT...

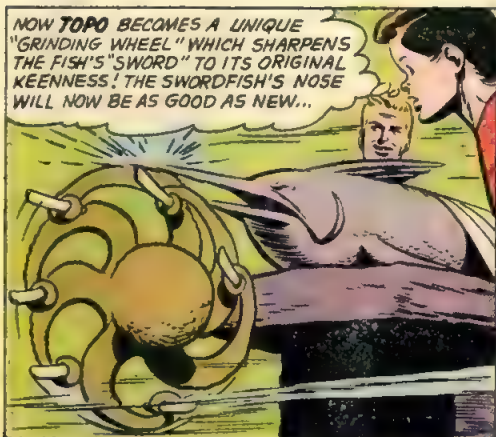
UH-OH! THAT VESSEL DROPPED ITS ANCHOR ON A SWORDFISH'S NOSE! ITS SWORD-POINT IS BLUNTED! I'D BETTER RUSH HIM TO OUR UNDER-SEA CLINIC!



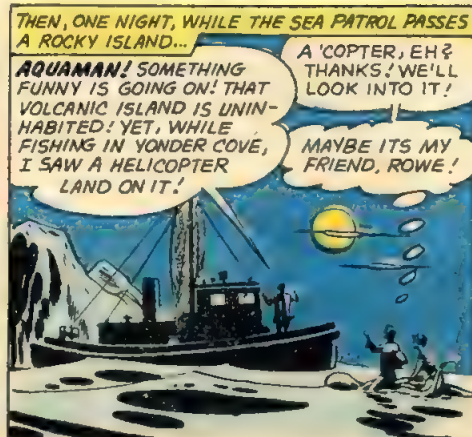
LATER, AS THE INJURED CREATURE IS PLACED ON AN OPERATING TABLE...

HMM...WHILE **AQUAMAN** IS STRAPPING THE SWORDFISH TO THE TABLE, **TOPO**, **AQUAMAN**'S OCTOPUS PET, IS TAKING A TIGHT GRIP ON SOME RAZOR CLAM SHELLS...





NOW **TOPO** BECOMES A UNIQUE "GRINDING WHEEL" WHICH SHARPENS THE FISH'S "SWORD" TO ITS ORIGINAL KEENNESS! THE SWORDFISH'S NOSE WILL NOW BE AS GOOD AS NEW...

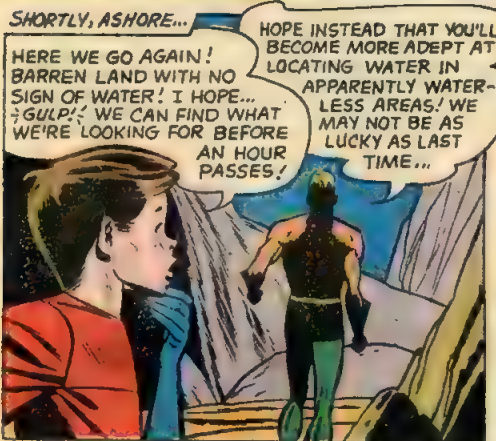


THEN, ONE NIGHT, WHILE THE SEA PATROL PASSES A ROCKY ISLAND...

AQUAMAN! SOMETHING FUNNY IS GOING ON! THAT VOLCANIC ISLAND IS UNINHABITED! YET, WHILE FISHING IN YONDER COVE, I SAW A HELICOPTER LAND ON IT!

A 'COPTER, EH? THANKS! WE'LL LOOK INTO IT!

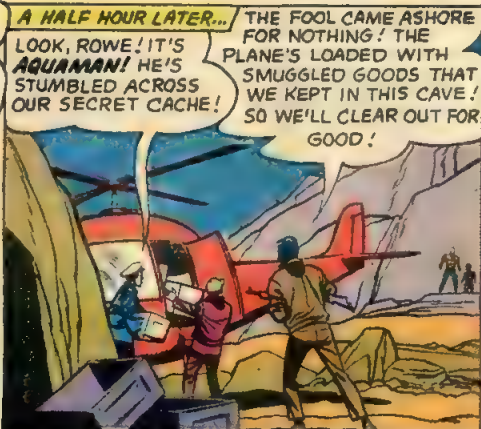
MAYBE IT'S MY FRIEND, ROWE!



SHORTLY, ASHORE...

HERE WE GO AGAIN! BARREN LAND WITH NO SIGN OF WATER! I HOPE... **GULP!** WE CAN FIND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR BEFORE AN HOUR PASSES!

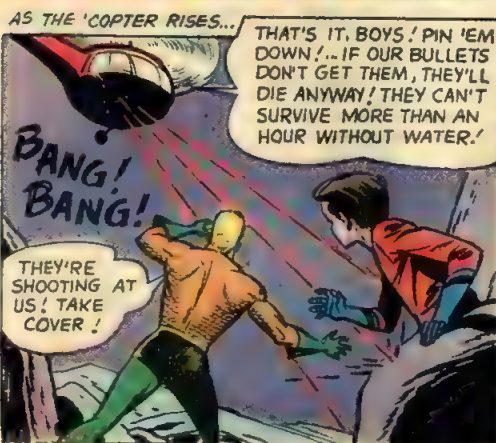
HOPE INSTEAD THAT YOU'LL BECOME MORE ADEPT AT LOCATING WATER IN APPARENTLY WATERLESS AREAS! WE MAY NOT BE AS LUCKY AS LAST TIME...



A HALF HOUR LATER...

LOOK, ROWE! IT'S **AQUAMAN!** HE'S STUMBLED ACROSS OUR SECRET CACHE!

THE FOOL CAME ASHORE FOR NOTHING! THE PLANE'S LOADED WITH SMUGGLED GOODS THAT WE KEPT IN THIS CAVE! SO WE'LL CLEAR OUT FOR GOOD!

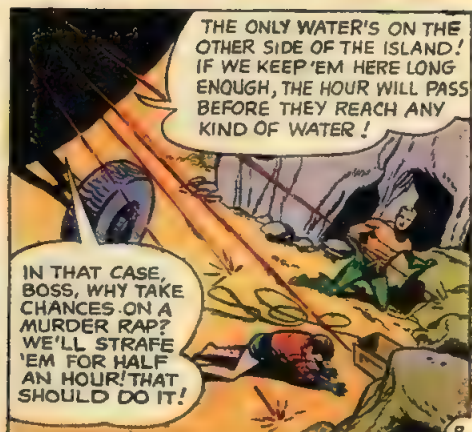


AS THE 'COPTER RISES...

BANG! BANG!

THEY'RE SHOOTING AT US! TAKE COVER!

THAT'S IT, BOYS! PIN 'EM DOWN!... IF OUR BULLETS DON'T GET THEM, THEY'LL DIE ANYWAY! THEY CAN'T SURVIVE MORE THAN AN HOUR WITHOUT WATER!



THE ONLY WATER'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND! IF WE KEEP 'EM HERE LONG ENOUGH, THE HOUR WILL PASS BEFORE THEY REACH ANY KIND OF WATER!

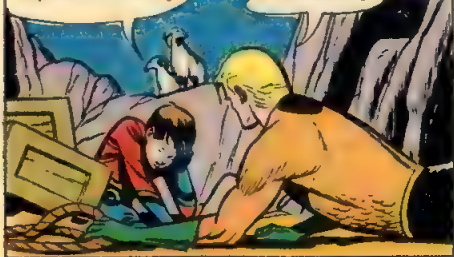
IN THAT CASE, BOSS, WHY TAKE CHANCES ON A MURDER RAP? WE'LL STRAFE 'EM FOR HALF AN HOUR! THAT SHOULD DO IT!



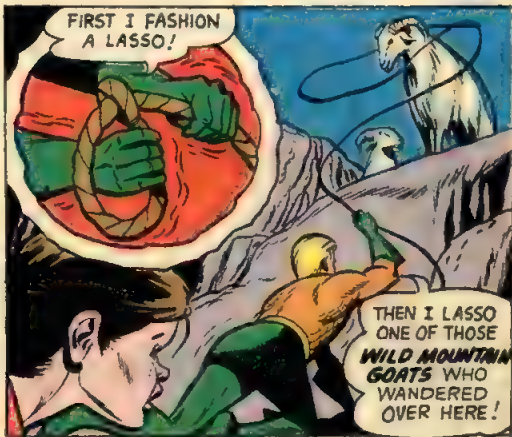
THIRTY MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE 'COPTER LEAVES.

WE'RE GONERS THIS TIME, **AQUAMAN**! GASP! IT'S AN HOUR SINCE WE LAST TOUCHED WATER, AND THERE'S NO LIQUID IN SIGHT!

AQUALAD! I TOLD YOU... YOU MUST ALWAYS USE YOUR **WITS** IN A SPOT LIKE THIS! WATCH WHAT I DO WITH THAT ROPE THE SMUGGLERS LEFT BEHIND!



FIRST I FASHION A LASSO!

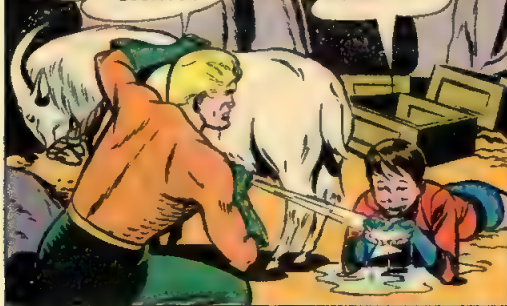


THEN I LASSO ONE OF THOSE **WILD MOUNTAIN GOATS** WHO WANDERED OVER HERE!

PRESENTLY...

ITS MILK IS TOO BITTER TO DRINK... BUT IT'S **LIQUID** AND THAT'S ALL THAT COUNTS!

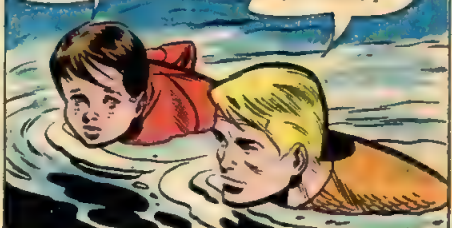
Y-YOU BET! RIGHT NOW I'D WASH MY FACE WITH THE **SOUREST** MILK IN THE WORLD!



THAT NIGHT...

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN ABOUT BEING RESOURCEFUL, **AQUAMAN**! MAYBE ONE DAY I'LL BE ABLE TO THINK AS FAST AS YOU DO!

I HOPE SO, **AQUALAD**! BECAUSE THIS WON'T BE THE **LAST** TIME WE WILL BE CHASING ROWE ON DRY LAND! KNOWING WE'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE ASHORE, HE'LL HEAD FOR LAND EVERY TIME WE APPEAR!



THE NEXT DAY...

PLEASE PUNISH THESE VIOLATORS OF OUR YACHT CLUB RULES! SOME ARE TOSsing GARBAGE INTO THE BAY! OTHERS ARE SPEEDING! AND A FEW ARE FISHING ILLEGALLY!

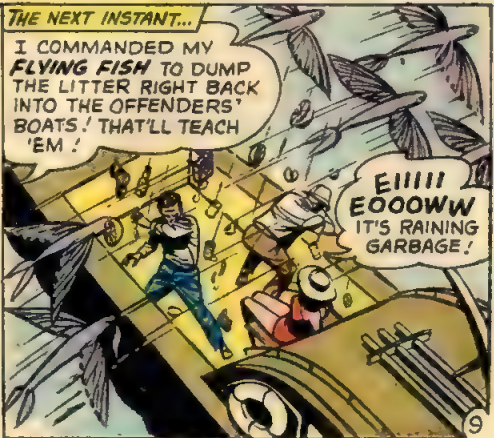
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM, SIR! I'LL START WITH THOSE OCEAN LITTERBUGS!



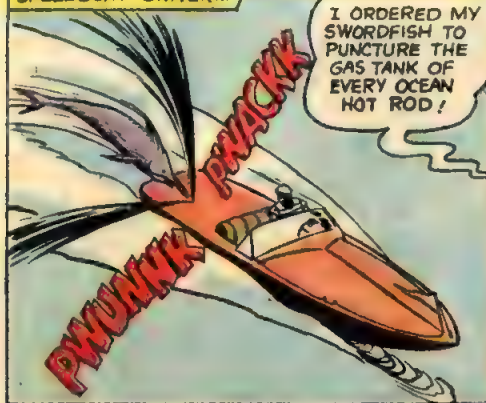
THE NEXT INSTANT...

I COMMANDED MY **FLYING FISH** TO DUMP THE LITTER RIGHT BACK INTO THE OFFENDERS' BOATS! THAT'LL TEACH 'EM!

EEEE EOOOWW IT'S RAINING GARBAGE!



AND WHEN **AQUAMAN** SIGHTS A RECKLESS SPEEDBOAT DRIVER...



AS FOR THE FATHEADS WHO ARE FISHING WHERE THEY SHOULDN'T FISH, MY ELECTRIC EELS WILL SHOCK SOME SENSE INTO THEM!

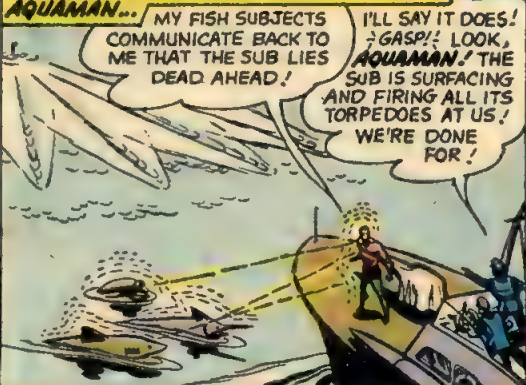


JUST AS **AQUAMAN** COMPLETES HIS DUTIES AS A COP...

AQUAMAN, HELP US! ROWE STOLE A **SUBMARINE** FROM OUR NAVAL BASE! UNLESS WE CATCH HIM, HE'LL USE THE SUB FOR SMUGGLING OPERATIONS!

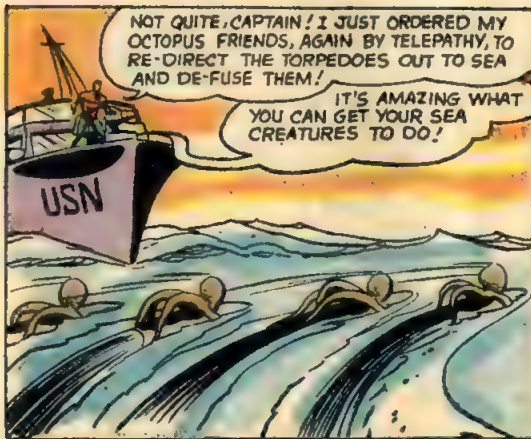


SOON, AS THE CREATURES REPORT BACK TO **AQUAMAN**...



NOT QUITE, CAPTAIN! I JUST ORDERED MY OCTOPUS FRIENDS, AGAIN BY TELEPATHY, TO RE-DIRECT THE TORPEDOES OUT TO SEA AND DE-FUSE THEM!

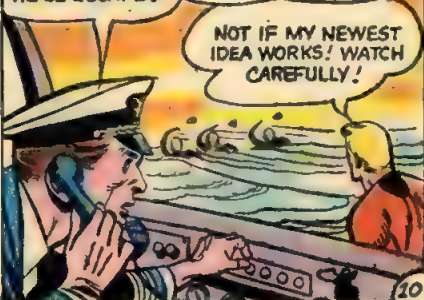
IT'S AMAZING WHAT YOU CAN GET YOUR SEA CREATURES TO DO!



AS THE OCTOPI RIDE THE TORPEDOES AND RENDER THEM HARMLESS...

CONFOUND OUR LUCK, **AQUAMAN!** JUST WHEN WE HAVE A CHANCE TO OVERTAKE ROWE, OUR ENGINES CONK OUT! NOW HE'LL ESCAPE!

NOT IF MY NEWEST IDEA WORKS! WATCH CAREFULLY!



SHORTLY, AS ROWE HEADS FOR THE OPEN SEA...

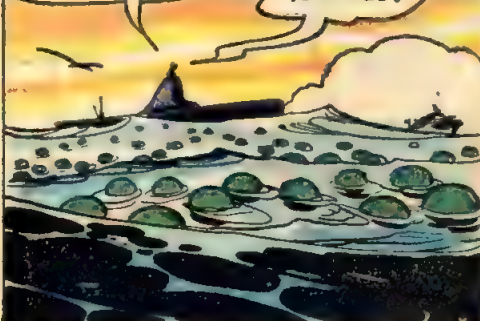
LOOK, ROWE! WE'RE ENTERIN' A MINE FIELD... FULL OF MAGNETIC MINES! THEY SEEM TO BE ATTRACTED TO US! THEY'RE ALL DRIFTIN' THIS WAY!

GASP! HOW IS IT POSSIBLE? WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?



THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO! HEAD FOR THE MAINLAND! THE MINES CAN'T FOLLOW US ONTO THE BEACH!

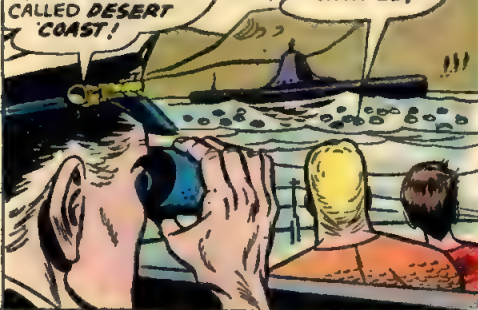
OKAY, BOSS! BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! HUNDREDS OF MINES PURSUIN' US... AS IF THEY WERE OUT TO GET US!



PRESENTLY, AS ROWE AND HIS MEN BEACH THE SUB...

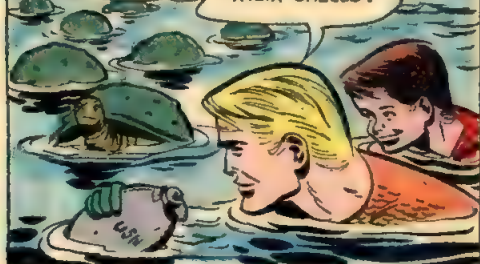
YOUR TRICK WORKED, AQUAMAN! ROWE'S GONE ASHORE IN A SPARSELY POPULATED, SANDY REGION CALLED DESERT COAST!

FINE! THIS TIME, JUST TO PLAY IT SAFE, AQUALAD AND I WILL TAKE A CANTEEN OF WATER WITH US!



SOON...

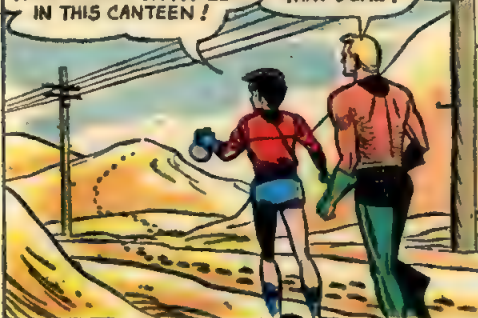
ROWE WOULD HAVE A FIT IF HE KNEW THOSE "MAGNETIC MINES" DRIFTING TOWARD HIS SUB WERE NOT MINES AT ALL! JUST DOZENS OF SEA TURTLES I ORDERED TO SURFACE WITH THEIR HEADS HIDDEN INSIDE THEIR SHELLS!



LATER, ASHORE...

WELL, AQUAMAN! THIS TIME WE'LL HAVE NO PROBLEM FINDING WATER WHEN THE HOUR IS UP! WE HAVE WATER WITH US... IN THIS CANTEEN!

MAYBE AT LAST WE'LL SUCCEED IN CAPTURING ROWE! HMM... THOSE FOOTPRINTS SEEM TO LEAD TO THE TOP OF THAT DUNE!

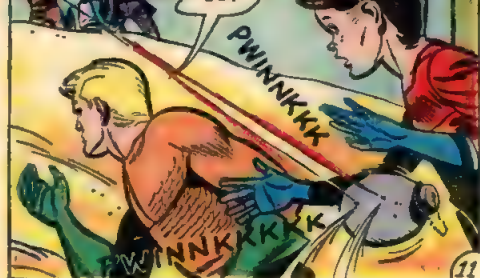


SUDDENLY...

OKAY, BOYS! LET 'EM HAVE IT!

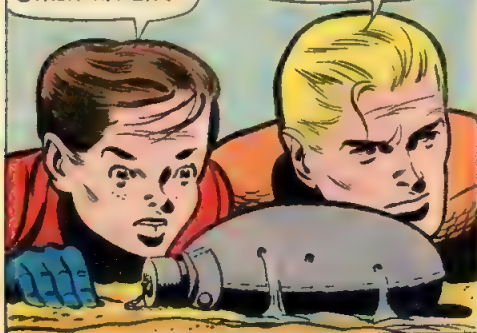
AQUAMAN! THE CANTEEN! BULLETS HIT IT! IT'S FLYING OUT OF MY HAND!

GASP! IT'S ROWE! HE'S AMBUSHED US!



THE WATER'S RUNNING OUT! WE MIGHT DIE BEFORE WE MAKE CONTACT WITH OTHER WATER!

ROWE KNOWS THAT TOO, BLAST HIM! WE MUST THINK OF **SOMETHING!**



AS PRECIOUS MINUTES TICK AWAY...

THE HOUR'S ALMOST UP, **AQUALAD!** GASP! LET'S TRY THE ROADWAY! IT'S SELDOM TRAVELED... BUT A **SLIGHT** CHANCE OF FINDING A CAR TO TAKE US TO THE SEA IS BETTER THAN NO CHANCE AT ALL!

DON'T SHOOT, ED! I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT **AQUAMAN** ANY MORE! THE **KING OF THE SEA** IS ABOUT TO DIE FOR LACK OF WATER!



SOON, ON THE DESERTED ROADWAY...

GROAN! N-NOT A SIGN OF A CAR! WE'RE GONERS FOR SURE!

YOUR BRAIN CELLS AREN'T CLICKING, **AQUALAD!** FOR OUR PURPOSE, AN ABANDONED **WRECK** CAN HELP US AS MUCH AS A RACING CAR! I DID THIS ONCE BEFORE...



THEN, AS AQUAMAN PUNCTURES THE WRECK'S RADIATOR...

COME AND GET IT, **AQUALAD!** THE WATER IS RUSTY... BUT WE'RE NOT DRINKING IT... MERELY SAVING OUR LIVES WITH IT!

GOSH, **AQUAMAN!** IF I WERE ON LAND ALONE, I'D BE A GONER! I NEVER DREAMED THERE MIGHT BE SOME WATER LEFT INSIDE THAT RADIATOR!



A WEEK LATER, AT SEA, AS AQUAMAN'S WHALES HALT A SUSPICIOUS SCHOONER...

WE'RE SURRENDERIN', **AQUAMAN!** BUT WE DON'T WANT THAT RAT, ROWE, TO GO SCOT-FREE! WE'LL TELL YOU WHERE HIS HIDEOUT IS!

OKAY! SPILL IT!



BUT THAT AFTERNOON, AT ROWE'S "FRONT", A LEATHER-TANNING FACTORY...

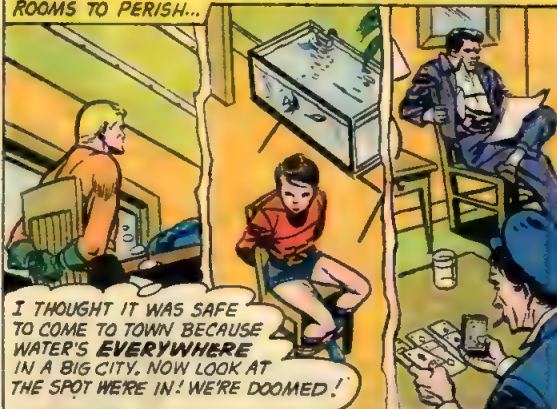
ROWE'S MEN DOUBLE-CROSSED US: BY ENTERING HIS FACTORY, WE MUST'VE TOUCHED OFF AN ALARM THAT ALERTED ROWE!

RIGHT! YOU SHOULD'VE LET THE POLICE SURPRISE US! BUT NO... YOU WANTED THE JOY OF CAPTURING ME YOURSELF! TIE 'EM UP WITH

THAT RAWHIDE, ED! IN AN HOUR THEY'LL DIE!



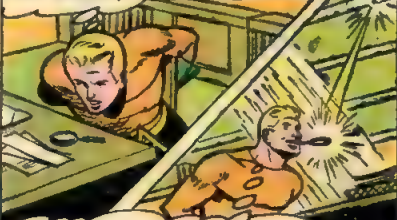
PRESENTLY, AS ROWE LEAVES HIS PRISONERS IN SEPARATE ROOMS TO PERISH...



I THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE TO COME TO TOWN BECAUSE WATER'S **EVERYWHERE** IN A BIG CITY. NOW LOOK AT THE SPOT WE'RE IN! WE'RE DOOMED!

BUT THEN, AS TIME DRAGS BY...

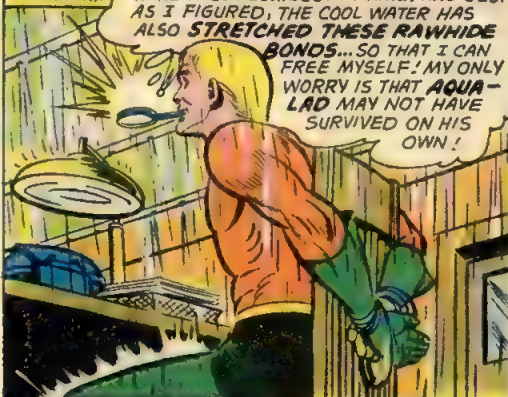
WAIT! I'VE GOT IT! I'LL PICK UP THIS MAGNIFYING GLASS WITH MY TEETH!



...AND REFLECT THE HOT RAYS OF THE SUN ON THOSE SPRINKLER PIPES! THEY'LL RELEASE WATER AUTOMATICALLY AS THE TEMPERATURE GETS FIERY HOT!

SHORTLY...

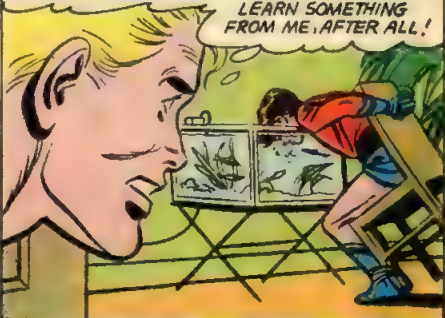
HERE IT COMES...JUST IN TIME! AND JUST AS I FIGURED, THE COOL WATER HAS ALSO **STRETCHED THESE RAWHIDE BONDS**...SO THAT I CAN FREE MYSELF! MY ONLY WORRY IS THAT **AQUALAD** MAY NOT HAVE SURVIVED ON HIS OWN!



BUT THEN, AS AQUALAD ENTERS THE ADJACENT ROOM...

GREAT GUPIES!

AQUALAD IS ALL RIGHT! HE DRAGGED HIMSELF ON HIS KNEES, AND STUCK HIS HEAD IN THAT TROPICAL FISH TANK! HE DID LEARN SOMETHING FROM ME, AFTER ALL!



MOMENTS LATER...

H-HOLY MACKEREL! THEY FREED THEMSELVES!

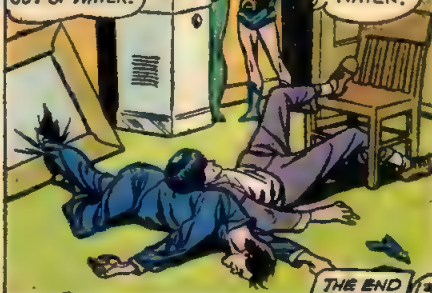
YOU MADE ONE MISTAKE, ROWE! WATER HAPPENS TO **STRETCH RAWHIDE** SO THIS WASHES YOU UP!



THEN...

HERE'S A TOAST TO YOU, **AQUALAD**! CONGRATULATIONS ON LEARNING HOW TO STAY ALIVE OUT OF WATER!

NOTHING TO IT! AFTER A FEW LESSONS FROM THE "MASTER" IT WAS AS EASY AS... UH... TAKING A DRINK OF WATER!



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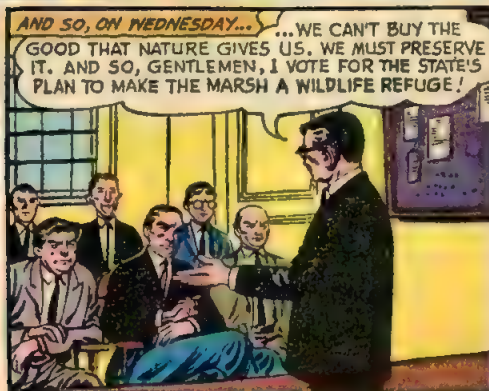
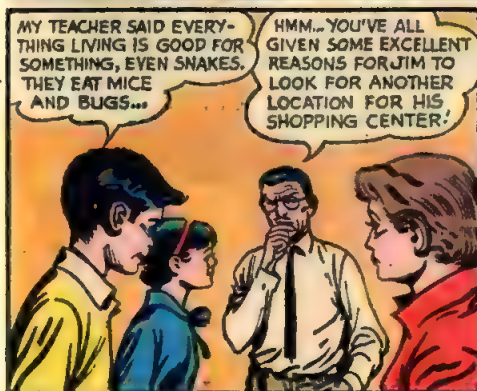
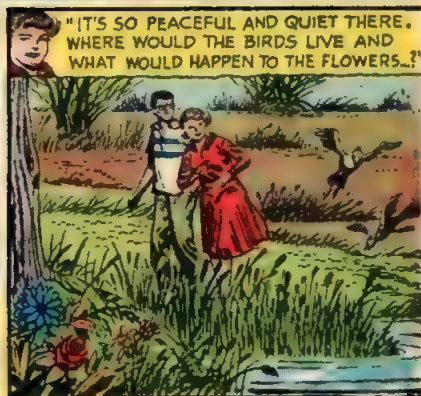
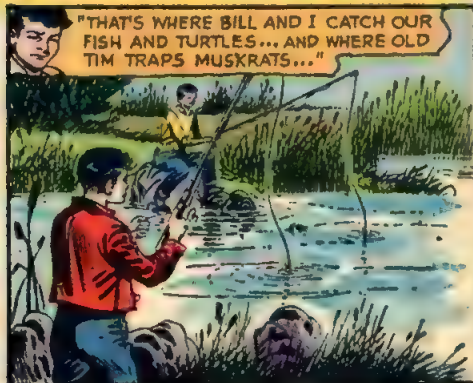
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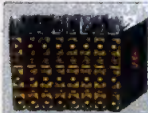
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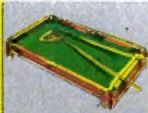
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